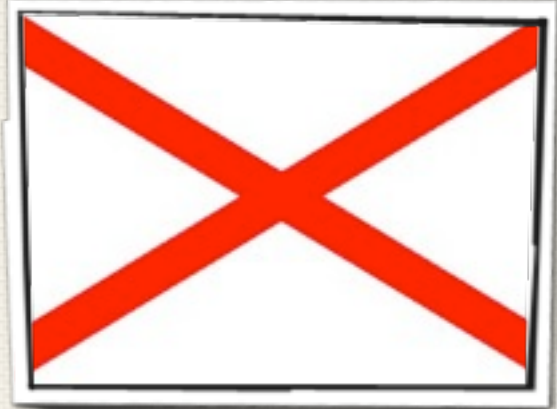




ST PATRICK'S DAY



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THE FLAG OF ST. PATRICK

The National Day of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland
March 17th

St Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, brought Christianity to Ireland. He was born in Wales around AD 385. He was carried off by pirates and spent six years in slavery before escaping and training as a missionary.

The most famous story about Saint Patrick is him driving the snakes from Ireland. He died on 17th March in AD 461 and this day has since been commemorated as St. Patrick's Day.

The national emblem of Ireland is the Shamrock. Patrick used the three-leaved shamrock to explain how the Trinity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit could exist as separate parts of the same being. His followers took to wearing a shamrock in celebration.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



IRISH DANCING



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